widen all the important National Highways into double lanes for one way Traffic to minimise the road accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the length of the National Highways already having double lanes with one way traffic;

(d) whether the government propose to widen the National Highway No. 5 into double lanes for one way traffic; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be widened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Only selected sections of important National Highway having high traffic density are being considered currently for widening to 4 lane divided highway subject to the availability of funds.

(c) Presently, 352 km of National Highways are having four lane divided carriageway.

(d) and (e) Widening of the full length of National Highway No.5 to four lanes would be considered in phases subject to the density of traffic in different sections, intersе priority vis-a-vis other National Highway works and over all availability of resources in future Plan periods. four-laning of 46 km of NH 5 in Andhra Pradesh is in progress. It is too early to indicate the time by which the whole of the National Highway No.5 will be widened to four lanes.

Simplification of Pre-Shipment Export Documentation System

6985. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to simplify Pre-shipment Export Documentation System;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the new system is proposed to be launched?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of 25 pre-shipment Export Documents required by the exporters 17 documents have been aligned on the basis of 'United Nations Layout Key'. The use of aligned documentation system based on 'UN Layout Key' involves the use of standardised aligned export documents which can be run off by a Master Document with economy, accuracy, speed and convenience. The aligned documentation system will help to reduce export documentation burden appreciably by enabling our exporters to prepare as many as 17 of the 25 pre-shipment export documents (commercial and regulatory) with the help of only two master documents by use of the photo copier and appropriate masks. Software has also been developed by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi and National Informatics Centre, New Delhi to prepare these documents on computer.

(c) The new system is proposed to be launched w.e.f. 1.10.1991.

Loans to Pensioners for Housing Purposes

6986. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Life Insurance Corporation of India, Housing and Urban Development Corporation, Canfin Homes Limited

and other housing finance companies/organisations do not give loans to homeless pensioners for construction of houses;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Among the institutions advancing loans for construction of houses, the institutions extending the facility to individuals are guided by the principle of repaying capacity and stable income throughout life. The facility is available to pensioners upto the age of sixty-five.

Subsidy to Shipyards

6987. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the subsidy being given to the shipyards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A proposal to enhance the ship building subsidy payable to public sector shipyards from the existing 30% of International Parity Price (IPP) to 40% of IPP is under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

Rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen in Kerala

6988. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-servicemen in Kerala and the steps taken by the Government for their rehabilitation and welfare;

(b) whether any complaints from ex-servicemen regarding pension etc. have been received by the Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETRULEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE: (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR)(a) to (c) As per the information received from the Government of Kerala, the approximate number of ex-Servicemen in Kerala is 3.5 lakhs.

There is a comprehensive package of resettlement and welfare measures for the ex-Servicemen. The Central Government has provided reservation for ex-Servicemen in Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts in the Central Government Departments as well as Public Sector Undertakings, including the Nationalised Banks. Defence Services personnel who have been disabled in war or in peace-time, and whose disability is attributable to military service, are accorded Priority-I, while upto two dependants of Defence Services personnel killed in service or severely disabled (with over 5% disability and who have become unfit for employment but disability is attributable to military service), whether during war or peace-time, are given priority immediately below the disabled ex-Servicemen, i.e. Priority-II (a). Besides, a number of schemes are in existence to provide self-employment opportunities to ex-Servicemen. These include the SEMFEX-I Scheme which provides financial assistance to ex-Servicemen for setting small industrial projects, the SEMFEX-II scheme to encourage ex-Servicemen to take up gainful farm and non-farm activities in rural areas; allotment